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### (57) ABSTRACT

A storage bin configuration for a motor vehicle is provided in accordance with the teachings of the present disclosure. The storage bin includes a storage bin body, a storage bin latch and a touch pad. The storage bin body has an outboard wall, an inboard wall, a forward wall and a rearward wall that collectively define a receptacle. The outboard wall forms a portion of an exterior of the vehicle. The storage bin latch is configured to move between a latched position and an unlatched position. In the latched position, the storage bin latch maintains the storage bin body in a closed position. In the unlatched position, the storage bin latch permits movement of the storage bin body to an open position. The touch pad is configured on the storage bin body at a location at least substantially concealed from view behind the outboard wall.

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